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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY ISRAELI
MISSION JULY 20, REFERRING TO RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE
PRESS RELEASE OF JULY 19:

"THE STATEMENT OF THE SC COMITE ESTABLISHED IN
PURSUANCE OF SC RES 253 CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF
RHODESIA CONTAINS CERTAIN CRITICAL AND UNJUSTIFIED REFERENCES
TO ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE 9TH MACCABIAH GAMES.

"AS IS WELL KNOWN, AND HAS BEEN CONVEYED IN THE PUREST
POSSIBLE TERMS TO THE COMITE, MACCABEE IS A WORLD JEWISH
SPORTS ORGANIZATION WITH BRANCHES IN VERIOUS COUNTRIES,
ESTABLISHED AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY PRECISELY BECAUSE
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH SPORTSMEN WHO
WERE BARRED ENTRY INTO NON-JEWISH CLUBS.
EACH FOUR YEARS MACCABEE HOLDS ITS COMPETITION IN
ISRAEL, ITS CLUBS CHOOSING THE COMPETITORS. THESE
PRIVATE JEWISH CLUBS REPRESENT NO COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENTS
OR AUTHORITIES: THEIR COMMON DENOMINATOR IS THEIR JEWISHNESS,
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AND AS THE ISRAELI CLUB -- ALSO NON GOVERNMENTAL -- IS THE LARGEST

AND HAS THE BEST FACILITIES, IT ACTS AS THE HOST.

"NEVERTHELESS, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRIVATE AND PURELY JEWISH NATURE OF THE MACCABEE GAMES, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TOOK SPECIAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE FULL OBSERVANCE OF RES 253 AND PREVENT ANY IMPRESSION OF DISREGARD FOR IT. THUS NO ONE BEARING A SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PASSPORT WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER ISRAEL. MOREOVER, MEMBERS OF THE MACCABEE CLUB IN RHODESIA WERE NOT PERMITTED TO MARCH AT THE OPENING OF THE COMPETITION UNDER ANY FLAG IDENTIFYING THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, THOUGH THE SPORTSMEN OF OTHER MACCABEE CLUBS WERE ALLOWED TO DO SO.

"UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS CLEAR THAT IN NEITHER LETTER NOR SPIRIT HAS THERE BEEN IN THIS CASE ANY INFRINGEMENT OF RES 253. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THE COMITE AS OTHER UN BODIES, THE COMPOSITION OF WHICH CREATES A PRO-ARAB BALANCE, LENT ITSELF TO BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF STERILE ARAB PROPAGANDA TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE COMITE'S STANDING AND WORK"

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